3. Utilization of Dog Squads at sensitive and important Railway stations and in trains.

4. Surprise checks in co-ordination with Government Railway Police, State Police and Intelligence agencies.

5. Surprise checks of luggage and parcels by Railway officials in trains and stations in co-ordination with Government Railway Police.

6. Steps to prevent entry of unauthorized persons in trains and in empty coaching rakes at originating/destination stations, before and after placement in maintenance sidings.

7. Close co-ordination with Government Railway Police/State Police/ Central Intelligence agencies to prevent any untoward incident.

8. Contingency plans are being drawn at Divisional (Railway) level to respond effectively to the contingencies arising out of sudden bomb blasts on the Railway system in conjunction with the Government Railway Police and the State Police.

9. Coordination mechanism at the Division and Zonal levels is being institutionalized.

Bids to refurbish public utilities

1937. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are all to invite bids to refurbish public utilities on a Renovate-Operate-Transfer (ROT) basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Instructions have been issued to upgrade toilets at Railway stations on Renovate-Operate-Transfer (ROT) basis by involving private agencies. No time frame has been stipulated.